## ADOPTED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

42 September 20, 2016

### BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EAST WHITTIER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Los Angeles County, California

LORI GLASGOW EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Resolution of the Board of Education of the East Whittier City School District Ordering an Election, and Establishing Specifications of the Election Order

**RESOLUTION 13-15/16** 

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of the East Whittier City School District (the "District") has determined that certain school facilities within the District need to be acquired, constructed, improved, and equipped in a fiscally prudent manner to enable District to enhance the educational opportunities of its students and prepare them for college and future careers; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that, in order improve the quality of education, and provide safe and healthy learning environments for students, basic repairs to our schools continue to be needed, including repairing of leaky roofs, upgrading plumbing and water and sewer systems, renovating and repairing school site structures, upgrading, repairing and replacing doors and windows for security purposes, upgrading fire systems and upgrading, repairing and replacing heating systems and ventilation and air conditioning systems;

WHEREAS, the State of California (the "State") is not providing the District with enough funding for the District to adequately maintain its educational facilities and academic programs; and

WHEREAS, the Board has concluded that the District's only remedy to avoid undermining its educational programs is to secure local funding that the State cannot take away; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received information regarding the possibility of a local bond measure and its bonding capacity; and

WHEREAS, a local measure will help provide funds that cannot be taken away by the State to upgrade aging schools, protect student safety, and help the District to qualify State matching funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board and District has solicited stakeholder and community input on school priorities from parents, teachers, staff, the community and civic leaders; and

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WHEREAS, the Board determines that all funds from this measure shall be controlled locally, and be subject to mandatory taxpayer protections, including an independent citizens' oversight committee and audits to ensure funds are spent properly; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2000, the voters of California approved the Smaller Classes, Safer Schools and Financial Accountability Act ("Proposition 39") which reduced the voter threshold for *ad valorem* tax levies used to pay for debt service or bonded indebtedness to 55% of the votes cast on a school district general obligation bond; and

**WHEREAS,** concurrent with the passage of Proposition 39, Chapter 1.5, Part 10, Division 1, Title 1 (commencing with Education Code Section 15264) (the "Act") became operative and established requirements associated with the implementation of Proposition 39; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to make certain findings herein to be applicable to this election order and to establish certain performance audits, standards of financial accountability and citizen oversight that are contained in Proposition 39 and the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize the submission of a proposition to the District's voters at an election to authorize the issuance of bonds to pay for certain necessary improvements and enhancements to District educational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby determines that, in accordance with Opinion No. 04-110 of the Attorney General of the State of California, the restrictions in Proposition 39 which prohibit any bond money from being wasted or used for inappropriate administrative salaries or other operating expenses of the District shall be monitored strictly by the District's Citizens' Oversight Committee; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Education Code Section 15270, based upon a projection of assessed property valuation, the Board has determined that, if approved by voters, the tax rate levied to meet the debt service requirements of the bonds proposed to be issued will not exceed the Proposition 39 limits per year per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property; and

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**WHEREAS,** Elections Code Section 9400 *et seq.* requires that a tax rate statement be contained in all official materials relating to the election, including any ballot pamphlet prepared, sponsored, or distributed by the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize the filing of a ballot argument in favor of the proposition to be submitted to the voters at the election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Elections Code, it is appropriate for the Board to request consolidation of the election with any and all other elections to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, and to request each of the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters to perform certain election services for the District;

**NOW THEREFORE,** THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE EAST WHITTIER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Board, pursuant to Education Code Sections 15100 et seq. (including Sections 15300 et seq.), 15264 et seq., and Government Code Section 53506, hereby requests the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters to conduct an election under the provisions of the Proposition 39 and the Act and submit to the electors of the District the question of whether bonds of the District in the aggregate principal amount of \$70,000,000 (the "Bonds") shall be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money for the purposes described in Exhibit A hereto.

Section 2. That the date of the election shall be November 8, 2016.

Section 3. That the purpose of the election shall be for the voters in the District to vote on a proposition, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A", incorporated by reference herein, and containing the question of whether the District shall issue the Bonds to pay for improvements to the extent permitted by such proposition. In compliance with Proposition 39 and the Act, the ballot propositions in Exhibit "A" and "B" are subject to the following requirements and determinations:

(a) the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds shall be used only for the purposes set forth in the ballot measure and not for any other purpose, including teacher or administrator salaries or pension or other school operating expenses;

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- (b) that the Board, in establishing the projects set forth in Exhibit "B", evaluated the safety, class size reduction, classroom, educational, and information technology within the District, as well as the importance of the projects to student achievement and high quality instruction;
- (c) that the Board shall cause an annual, independent performance audit to be conducted to ensure that the Bond monies get spent only for the projects identified in Exhibit "B" hereto;
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  - (i) Inspect District facilities and grounds to ensure that Proposition 39 bond proceeds are expended in compliance with applicable law;
  - (ii) Receive and review copies of all deferred maintenance proposals or plans developed by the District;
  - (iii) Review efforts of the District to maximize Proposition 39 bond revenues by implementing cost-saving programs;

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- (i) Receive and review copies of the annual, independent financial and performance audits performed by independent consultant(s);
  - (ii) Receive from the Board, within three months of the District receiving the above-described audits, responses to any and all findings, recommendations, and concerns addressed in said audits, and review said responses; and
- (f) that the tax levy authorized to secure the Bonds of this election shall not exceed the Proposition 39 limits per \$100,000 of taxable property in the District when assessed valuation is projected by the District to increase in accordance with Article XIIIA of the California Constitution.
- Section 4. That the authority for ordering the election is contained in Education Code Section 15100 *et seq.* and Section 15264 *et seq.*, and Government Code Section 53506.
- Section 5. That the authority for the specifications of this election order is contained in Education Code Section 5322.
- Section 6. That each of the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors are hereby requested to consolidate the election ordered hereby with any and all other elections to be held on November 8, 2016, within the District. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 10403 the Board acknowledges that the consolidation election will be held and conducted in the manner prescribed in Elections Code Section 10408.
- Section 7. That the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters no later than August 12, 2016.
- Section 8. That the Bonds shall be issued pursuant to Education Code Section 15264 *et seq.* or pursuant to Government Code Section 53506. The maximum rate of interest on any Bond shall not exceed the maximum rate allowed by Education Code Sections 15140 to 15143, as modified by Government Code Section 53531.
- Section 9. That the Board requests the governing body of any such other political subdivision, or any officer otherwise authorized by law, to partially or completely consolidate such election and to further provide that the canvass of the returns of the election be made by anybody or official authorized by law to canvass such returns, and that the Board consents to such consolidation. The Board further authorizes the submission of a tax rate statement and primary and rebuttal arguments, as appropriate, to be filed with the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters by the established deadlines.

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Pursuant to Education Code Section 5303 and Elections Code Section Section 10. 10002, the Boards of Supervisors of Los Angeles County is requested to permit respective the Registrars of Voters to render all services specified by Elections Code Section 10418 relating to the election, for which services the District agrees to reimburse Los Angeles County, such services to include the publication of a Formal Notice of School Bond Election and the mailing of the sample ballot and tax rate statement (described in Elections Code Section 9401) pursuant to the terms of Education Code Section 5363 and Elections Code Section 12112.

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**APPROVED, PASSED** and **ADOPTED** by the Governing Board of the East Whittier City School District this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016, by the following vote:

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NOES:

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ABSENT:

Mr. Dimitri Elbling

President of the Board of Education of the

East Whittier City School District of

Los Angeles County, State of California

### **CERTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution and acceptance entered on the minutes of a meeting of said Board of Education held June 15, 2016, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: June 15, 2016

Mary Branca

Secretary of the Board of Education of the

East Whittier City School District of

Los Angeles County, State of California

**MOTION PASSED** 

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### EXHIBIT A

"Without increasing existing property tax rates, shall the East Whittier City School District issue \$70 million in bonds at legal interest rates to make essential upgrades to aging schools including repairing or replacing leaky roofs, doors, windows, outdated plumbing, heating, air conditioning and electrical systems, and improve student safety and school security systems, including lighting, smoke alarms, fencing and emergency communications, with independent citizen oversight and audits to ensure all money benefits and improves local schools?"

Bonds – Yes

Bonds - No

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### **EXHIBIT B**

# FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION OF THE EAST WHITTIER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND MEASURE ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2016

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters by the East Whittier City School District.

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### **PROJECT LIST**

- The Board of Education of the East Whittier City School District evaluated the District's urgent and critical facility needs, including safety issues, class size, class size reduction, and computer and information technology, in developing the scope of projects to be funded. The District conducted a facilities evaluation and received public input and review in developing this Project List. The Board concluded that if these needs are not addressed now, the problems will only become more pressing.
- School Renovation, Repair and Upgrade Projects For Health, Safety and Maintenance
- Repair or replace roofs, walls/ceilings, and floors, including improving insulation and weather proofing.
- Replace or repair older water systems, sewer systems, heating, ventilation and airconditioning systems with building code compliant, energy-efficient systems.
- Upgrade fire alarm systems, smoke detectors and sprinklers, and repair, replace or install fire safety equipment.
- Upgrade or replace security and safety systems, including existing window systems and doors, doorframes and hardware.
- Install additional electrical service capacity or repair currently overloaded electrical systems in connection with the above projects.

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The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/project management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the Project List also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, the reduction or retirement of outstanding lease obligations and interim or bridge funding incurred to advance fund projects from the Project List; installation of signage and fencing; payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by construction projects. In addition to the projects listed above, the repair and renovation of each of the existing school facilities may include, but not be limited to, some or all of the following: repair and replace heating/boiler, plumbing, gas, water/sewer, drainage and ventilation systems; renovate student and staff restrooms; acquire land and facilities for educational and administrative purposes; repair and replace worn-out roofs, windows, walls, doors, doorframes and drinking fountains; improve school facilities for disability access; install or upgrade wiring and electrical systems; repair and replace fire alarms, emergency communications, intercoms, and security systems; resurface or replace hard courts, asphalt, turf and drainage/irrigation systems and campus landscaping; enhance fire and maintenance access roads; interior and exterior painting and floor covering; or replace; construct various forms of storage and support spaces; repair, upgrade or install interior and exterior lighting systems; improve handicapped accessibility; replace outdated security fences and security systems. The allocation of bond proceeds will be affected by the final costs of each project. The District may not be able to complete some of the projects listed above. The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. Some projects throughout the District, such as gyms, fields and performing arts facilities, may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded and projects are completed. The allocation of bond proceeds may be affected by the District's receipt of State matching funds and the final costs of each project. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/restoration or geological stabilization may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property.

### **MOTION PASSED**

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REF 60 Page 10 of 13 Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the specific purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410.

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY: IN ACCORDANCE WITH EDUCATION CODE SECTION 15272, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL APPOINT A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND CONDUCT ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDITS TO ASSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT ONLY ON DISTRICT PROJECTS AND FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE. THE EXPENDITURE OF BOND MONEY ON THESE PROJECTS IS SUBJECT TO STRINGENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS. BY LAW, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL AUDITS WILL BE PERFORMED ANNUALLY, AND ALL BOND EXPENDITURES WILL BE MONITORED BY AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT AS PROMISED AND SPECIFIED. THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, REPRESENTATION OF A BONA FIDE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND A SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION. NO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OR VENDORS ARE ALLOWED TO SERVE ON THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

NO ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES: PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE BONDS AUTHORIZED BY THIS PROPOSITION SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION, OR REPLACEMENT OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, AND NOT FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE, INCLUDING TEACHER AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES.

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#### **EXHIBIT C**

# TAX RATE STATEMENT REGARDING PROPOSED \$70,000,000 EAST WHITTIER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

An election will be held in East Whittier City School District (the "District") on November 8, 2016 for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the District the question of issuing bonds of the District in the principal amount of \$70 million. If such bonds are authorized and sold, the principal thereof and interest thereon will be payable from the proceeds of taxes levied on the taxable property in the District. The following information regarding tax rates is given to comply with Section 9401 of the California Elections Code. This information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the assessed valuations of taxable property in the District, and assuming the entire debt service on the bonds will be paid through property taxation:

- 1. The best estimate from official sources of the tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue during the first fiscal year after the first sale of the bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, or on a projection based on experience within the District or other demonstrable factors, is \$0.030 per \$100 (\$30.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed for the year 2017-18.
- 2. The best estimate from official sources of the tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue during the first fiscal year after the last sale of the bonds and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, or on a projection based on experience within the District or other demonstrable factors, is \$0.030 per \$100 (\$30.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed and the year 2025-26.
- 3. The best estimate from official sources of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, or on a projection based on experience within the District or other demonstrable factors, is \$0.030 per \$100 (\$30.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed, which is projected to be the same in every fiscal year that the bonds remain outstanding.
- 4. The best estimate from official sources of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is \$140 million.

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Attention of voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates. The actual timing of sales of the bonds and the amount to be sold at any time will be governed by the needs of the District and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold, which will not exceed the maximum permitted by law, will depend upon the bond market at the time of sale. The actual assessed valuations in future years will depend upon the value of property within the District as determined in the assessment and the equalization process. Therefore, the actual tax rates and the years in which those tax rates will be applicable may vary from those presently estimated and stated above.

Mary Branca

Superintendent

East Whittier City School District

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Los Angeles County, California

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- Section 6. That each of the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors are hereby requested to consolidate the election ordered hereby with any and all other elections to be held on November 8, 2016, within the District. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 10403 the Board acknowledges that the consolidation election will be held and conducted in the manner prescribed in Elections Code Section 10408.
- Section 7. That the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters no later than August 12, 2016.
- Section 8. That the Bonds shall be issued pursuant to Education Code Section 15264 *et seq.* or pursuant to Government Code Section 53506. The maximum rate of interest on any Bond shall not exceed the maximum rate allowed by Education Code Sections 15140 to 15143, as modified by Government Code Section 53531.
- Section 9. That the Board requests the governing body of any such other political subdivision, or any officer otherwise authorized by law, to partially or completely consolidate such election and to further provide that the canvass of the returns of the election be made by anybody or official authorized by law to canvass such returns, and that the Board consents to such consolidation. The Board further authorizes the submission of a tax rate statement and primary and rebuttal arguments, as appropriate, to be filed with the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters by the established deadlines.
- Section 10. Pursuant to Education Code Section 5303 and Elections Code Section 10002, the Boards of Supervisors of Los Angeles County is requested to permit respective the Registrars of Voters to render all services specified by Elections Code Section 10418 relating to the election, for which services the District agrees to reimburse Los Angeles County, such services to include the publication of a Formal Notice of School Bond Election and the mailing of the sample ballot and tax rate statement (described in Elections Code Section 9401) pursuant to the terms of Education Code Section 5363 and Elections Code Section 12112.

**MOTION PASSED** 

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### **RESOLUTION 14-15/16**

The Resolution of the Board of Education of the East Whittier City School District Ordering an Election, and Establishing Specifications of the Election Order

**APPROVED, PASSED** and **ADOPTED** by the Governing Board of the East Whittier City School District this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016, by the following vote:

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NOES:

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ABSTAIN:

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ABSENT:

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Mr. Dimitri Elbling

President of the Board of Education of the

East Whittier City School District of

Los Angeles County, State of California

### CERTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution and acceptance entered on the minutes of a meeting of said Board of Education held June 15, 2016, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: June 15, 2016

Mary Branca

Secretary of the Board of Education of the

East Whittier City School District of

Los Angeles County, State of California

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### **EXHIBIT A**

"Without increasing existing property tax rates, shall the East Whittier City School District issue \$24 million in bonds at legal interest rates, to modernize classrooms, science labs and computer systems for science, math and technology instruction, replace aging portables, renovate the aging middle school gymnasiums and locker rooms, and improve accessibility for disabled students, with independent citizen oversight and audits to ensure all money benefit and improves local schools?"

Bonds - Yes

Bonds - No

**MOTION PASSED** 

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### EXHIBIT B

## FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION OF THE EAST WHITTIER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND MEASURE ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2016

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters by the East Whittier City School District.

"Without increasing existing property tax rates, shall the East Whittier City School District issue \$24 million in bonds at legal interest rates, to modernize classrooms, science labs and computer systems for science, math and technology instruction, replace aging portables, renovate the aging middle school gymnasiums and locker rooms, and improve accessibility for disabled students, with independent citizen oversight and audits to ensure all money benefit and improves local schools?"

#### PROJECT LIST

- The Board of Education of the East Whittier City School District evaluated the District's urgent and critical facility needs, including safety issues, class size, class size reduction, and computer and information technology, in developing the scope of projects to be funded. The District conducted a facilities evaluation and received public input and review in developing this Project List. The Board concluded that if these needs are not addressed now, the problems will only become more pressing.
- School Renovation, Repair and Upgrade Projects For Health, Safety and Maintenance
- Modernize and renovate outdated classrooms, science laboratories and other school facilities.
- Improve student access to computers and modern technology, including network infrastructure.
- Renovate and improve athletic and recreational facilities, including middle school gymnasiums and locker rooms.
- Painting interior school facilities.

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The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/project management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the Project List also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, the reduction or retirement of outstanding lease obligations and interim or bridge funding incurred to advance fund projects from the Project List; installation of signage and fencing; payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by construction projects. In addition to the projects listed above, the repair and renovation of each of the existing school facilities may include, but not be limited to, some or all of the following: acquire land and facilities for educational and administrative purposes; improve outdoor learning spaces and shade structures; improve school facilities for disability access; install or upgrade wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices and needs; upgrade or construct classroom and support facilities, including administrative, physical education, warehousing, wood shop, cafeteria, multi-purpose rooms, classrooms, auditorium, science building, media centers and maintenance yards; replace portable classrooms; resurface or replace hard courts, asphalt, turf and drainage/irrigation systems and campus landscaping; improve or expand parking and traffic circulation flow; interior and exterior painting and floor covering; or replace; construct various forms of storage and support spaces; upgrade classrooms; repair, upgrade or install interior and exterior lighting systems; improve or construct gymnasium, locker rooms and restrooms lockers; The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, servers, switches, routers, network security/firewall, wireless technology systems and other miscellaneous equipment. The allocation of bond proceeds will be affected by the final costs of each project. The District may not be able to complete some of the projects listed above. The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. Some projects throughout the District, such as gyms, may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded and projects are completed. The allocation of bond proceeds may be affected by the District's receipt of State matching funds and the final costs of each project. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/restoration or geological stabilization may occur **MOTION PASSED** 

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Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the specific purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410.

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY: IN ACCORDANCE WITH EDUCATION CODE SECTION 15272, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL APPOINT A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND CONDUCT ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDITS TO ASSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT ONLY ON DISTRICT PROJECTS AND FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE. THE EXPENDITURE OF BOND MONEY ON THESE PROJECTS IS SUBJECT TO STRINGENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS. BY LAW, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL AUDITS WILL BE PERFORMED ANNUALLY, AND ALL BOND EXPENDITURES WILL BE MONITORED BY AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT AS PROMISED AND SPECIFIED. THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, REPRESENTATION OF A BONA FIDE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND A SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION. NO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OR VENDORS ARE ALLOWED TO SERVE ON THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

NO ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES: PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE BONDS AUTHORIZED BY THIS PROPOSITION SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION, OR REPLACEMENT OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, AND NOT FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE, INCLUDING TEACHER AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES.

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### **EXHIBIT C**

# TAX RATE STATEMENT REGARDING PROPOSED \$24,000,000 EAST WHITTIER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

An election will be held in East Whittier City School District (the "District") on November 8, 2016 for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the District the question of issuing bonds of the District in the principal amount of \$24 million. If such bonds are authorized and sold, the principal thereof and interest thereon will be payable from the proceeds of taxes levied on the taxable property in the District. The following information regarding tax rates is given to comply with Section 9401 of the California Elections Code. This information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the assessed valuations of taxable property in the District, and assuming the entire debt service on the bonds will be paid through property taxation:

- 1. The best estimate from official sources of the tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue during the first fiscal year after the first sale of the bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, or on a projection based on experience within the District or other demonstrable factors, is \$0.010 per \$100 (\$10.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed for the year 2017-18.
- 2. The best estimate from official sources of the tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue during the first fiscal year after the last sale of the bonds and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, or on a projection based on experience within the District or other demonstrable factors, is \$0.010 per \$100 (\$10.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed and the year 2025-26.
- 3. The best estimate from official sources of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, or on a projection based on experience within the District or other demonstrable factors, is \$0.010 per \$100 (\$10.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed, which is projected to be the same in every fiscal year that the bonds remain outstanding.

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4. The best estimate from official sources of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is \$48 million.

Attention of voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates. The actual timing of sales of the bonds and the amount to be sold at any time will be governed by the needs of the District and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold, which will not exceed the maximum permitted by law, will depend upon the bond market at the time of sale. The actual assessed valuations in future years will depend upon the value of property within the District as determined in the assessment and the equalization process. Therefore, the actual tax rates and the years in which those tax rates will be applicable may vary from those presently estimated and stated above.

Mary Branca

Superintendent East Whittier City School District

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